

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Herbert Bruce Cleveland graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary and was ordained on May 31, 1959; and,

*Whereas*, Herbert's first call to ministry was to Lead, South Dakota, later leaving parish ministry to become Chief of Chaplains at the VA Medical Center at Fort Meade where he led the effort to deal with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and established the first substance abuse treatment center in the Fort Meade Chapel; and,

*Whereas*, Chaplain Cleveland was instrumental in adding a Lakota Chaplain to the staff who was able to conduct Lakota worship services, Pow-Wows, and sweat lodge experiences; and,

*Whereas*, Chaplain Cleveland developed clergy conferences featuring national religious leaders speaking to the needs of local leaders to care for veterans and their families as they re-entered community life; and,

*Whereas*, In 1983, President Ronald Reagan appointed Chaplain Cleveland to serve as Human Resource Director and Educational Development Officer, and, in 1988, appointed him as the first Lutheran and first clergy member from South Dakota as Chief of Chaplains for the Department of Veterans Affairs; and,

*Whereas*, Chaplain Cleveland served in active duty during the Korean War as an intelligence officer, is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve as a Colonel, and drilled with the South Dakota National Guard; and,

*Whereas*, In 2008, the president of Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand, presented Chaplain Cleveland with a Distinguished Alumni Award at a surprise presidential dinner; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to join Chaplain Cleveland's family as they celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary on Armed Forces Weekend in recognition of his extensive and life-long work with veterans:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2009, as

## *CHAPLAIN HERBERT CLEVELAND DAY*

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in celebration of this day.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

